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MBFR NEGOTIATIONS

FROM US REP MBFR

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TAGS: PARM, NATO

SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: MAY 16 PLENARY SESSION

1. THE FIRST PLENARY MEETING OF THE SIXTH ROUND OF THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS WAS HELD ON MAY 16, 1975. STATEMENTS WERE PRESENTED BY THE UK REP (ROSE) AND BY THE CZECHOSLOVAK REP (MEISNER).

2. THE UK STATEMENT, APPROVED MAY 15 BY THE AD HOC GROUP, SUMMARIZED THE BASIC POINTS IN THE ALLIED NEGOTIATING POSITION, AND EMPHASIZED THAT ANY REDUCTIONS AGREEMENT MUST TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE FUNDAMENTAL SECURITY CONCERNS OF THE WEST AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE

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EAST. ROSE RESTATED ALLIED PROPOSALS FOR AN OUTCOME

OF APPROXIMATE PARITY IN GROUND FORCES IN THE FORM

OF A COMMON CEILING.

3. THE CZECHOSLOVAK STATEMENT WAS A RATHER BLAND REVIEW OF STANDARD EASTERN PROPOSALS AND ARGUMENTATION. MEISNER SAID THE MAIN AIM OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WAS TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ON MUTUAL AND SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE DIRECTLY PARTICIPATING STATES. CZECH REP CALLED FOR REDUCTIONS OF ALL TYPES OF TROOPS AND ARMANENTS, INCLUDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HE CRITIZED ALLIED POSITIONS AS BEING BASED ON AN ARTIFICIALLY FORMULATED CONCEPT AND AS BEING DIRECTED AT OBTAINING UNILATERAL MILITARY ADVANTAGES. MEISNER CONCLUDED THAT THE "FUNDAMENTAL SHORTCOMINGS" OF THE WESTERN POSITION ARE NOT CHANGED BY "SO-CALLED MODIFICATIONS" TO THE WESTERN REDUCTIONS PLAN, AS THOSE MODIFICATIONS ARE CONDITIONAL ON EASTERN AGREEMENT TO THE "UNACCEPTABLE" WESTERN CONCEPTUAL APPROACH.

4. THE TEXTS OF THE MAY 16 UK AND CZECHOSLOVAK PLENARY STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED BY AIRGRAMS.RESOR

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